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2. This REPORT consists of a total of 8 sheets, including this cover sheet.
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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **language**, this report is based on:

the international application in the language in which it was filed.

a translation of the international application into English, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:

- international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
- publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4(a))
- international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2(a) and/or 55.3(a))

2. With regard to the **elements** of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

the international application as originally filed/furnished

the description:

pages 1-49 & 57 as originally filed/furnished
 pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
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the claims:

pages 50-56 as originally filed/furnished
 pages* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
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 pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

the drawings:

pages 1-28 & 47 as originally filed/furnished
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- the description, pages _____
- the claims, Nos. _____
- the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
- any table(s) related to the sequence listing (*specify*): _____

4. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

- the description, pages _____
- the claims, Nos. _____
- the drawings, sheets/figs _____
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International application No.
PCT/US04/16021**Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement****1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims 20-23	YES
	Claims 1-19	NO
Inventive Step (IS)	Claims NONE	YES
	Claims 1-23	NO
Industrial Applicability (IA)	Claims 1-23	YES
	Claims NONE	NO

2. Citations and Explanations (Rule 70.7)

Claims 1-19 lack novelty step under PCT Article 33(2) as being anticipated by EP 0887723 issued to Mark Louis Ciacelli ("Ciacelli").

As per claim 1, Cialli discloses "a method for securely sharing data with authorized parties, wherein the data to be shared is stored in a database (i.e., external storage device; see col. 4, lines 27-28) in a first encrypted format (i.e., CSS encrypted original data; see col. 4, lines 35-36), the method comprising providing a programmable logic device (i.e., central processing unit; see col. 4, lines 9-10) for connection to the database, wherein the programmable logic device is configured to receive a stream of encrypted data from the database (i.e., receiving encrypted; see col. 4, lines 19-23), decrypted the received encrypted data stream to create decrypted data (i.e., descrambling; see col. 4, lines 20-21), and encrypted the decrypted data in a second encrypted format (i.e., re-encrypted; see col. 6, lines 40-50); and sharing the data of the second encrypted format by communicating it to an authorized party (i.e., transferring; see col. 5, lines 6-8). Therefore, Ciacelli discloses all the claimed limitations.

As per claims 2-8 and 10-19, the limitations of claims 2-8 and 10-19 are similar to claims 1, 9 and 23, therefore, the limitations of claims 2-8 and 10-19 are rejected in the analysis of claims 1, 9 and 20 and these claims are rejected on that basis.

As per claim 9, the limitations of claim 9 are similar to claim 1, therefore, the limitations of claim 9 are rejected in the analysis of claim 1, and this claim is rejected on that basis.

Claims 20-23 lack inventive step under PCT 33(3) as being unpatentable over EP 0887723 issued to Mark Louis Ciacelli ("Ciacelli") in view of US Patent No. 5,943,421 issued to Grabon ("Grabon").

The subject matter of independent claim 20 differs from this known Ciacelli in that it provides a reconfiguration logic device and the second encrypted format is delivered to a requester. Both features are juxtaposed and merely represent design choices so that claim 20 lacks inventive step. And to provide reducing the number of required data transfers between ram and slower bulk storage devices; (see Grabon col. 1, lines 58-61).

As per claims 21-23, the limitations of claims 21-23 are similar to claims 1 and 20, therefore, the limitations of claims 21-23 are rejected in the analysis of claims 1 and 20, and these claims are rejected on that basis.

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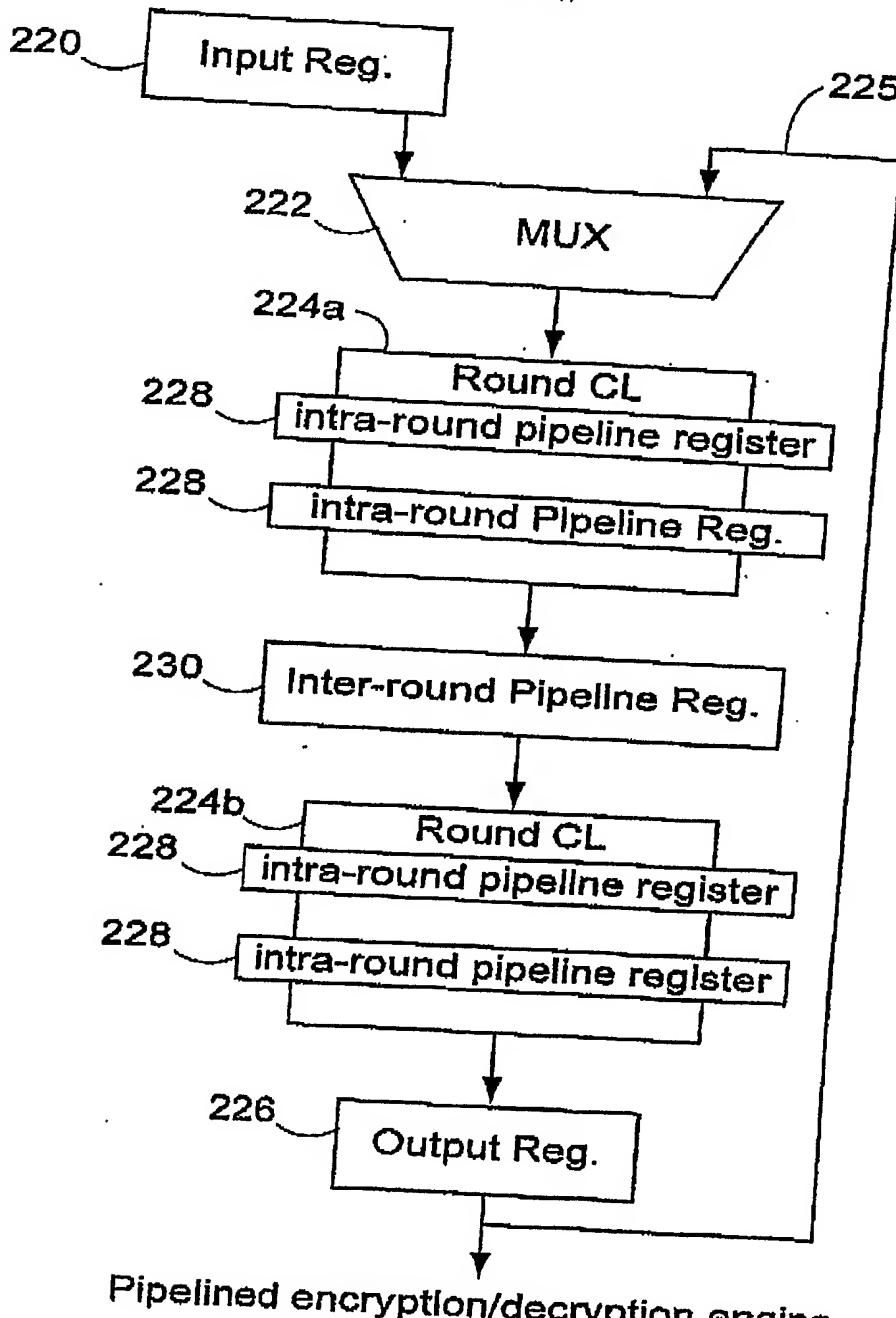


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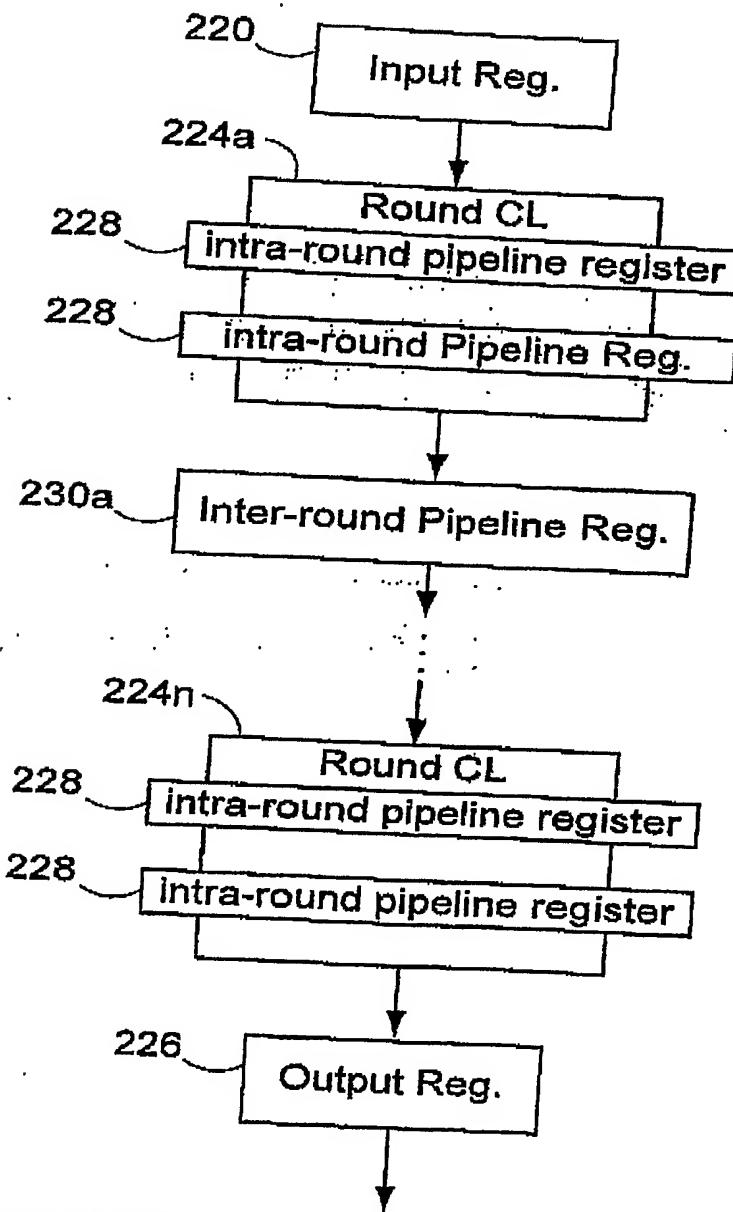
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Fully pipelined encryption/decryption engine.

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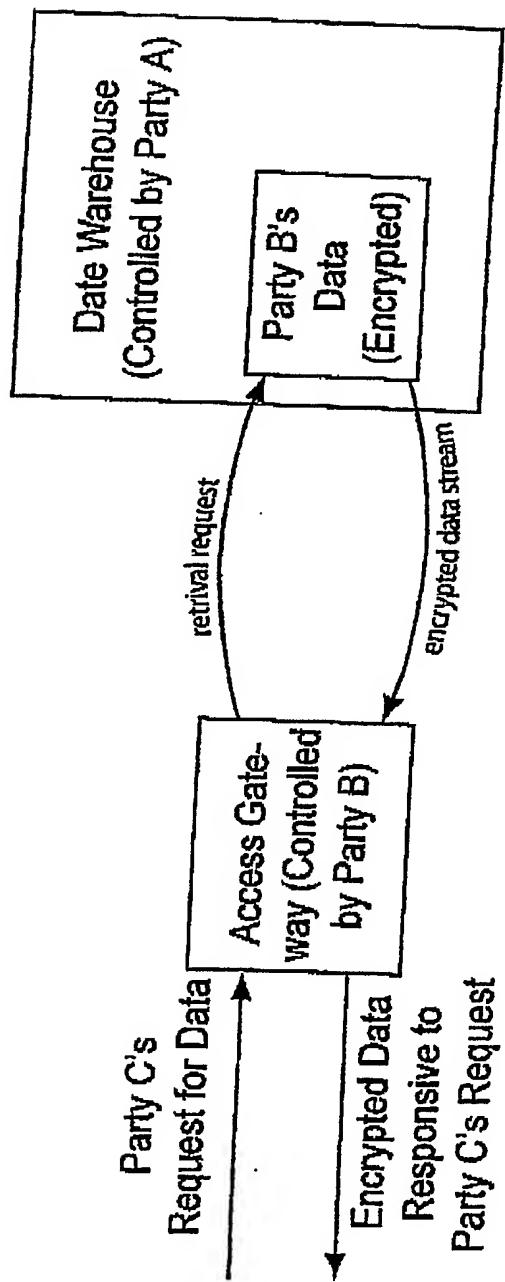


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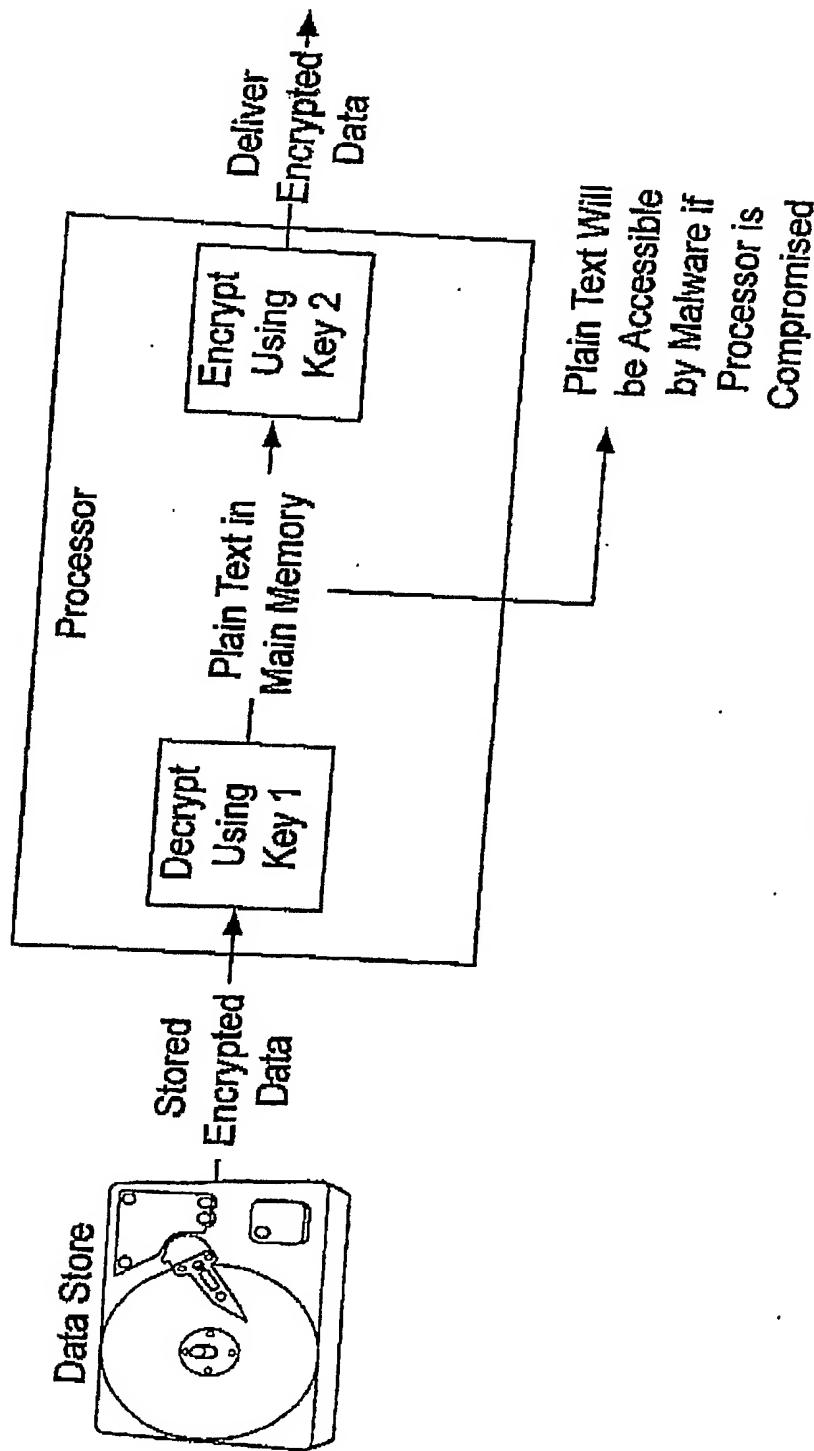


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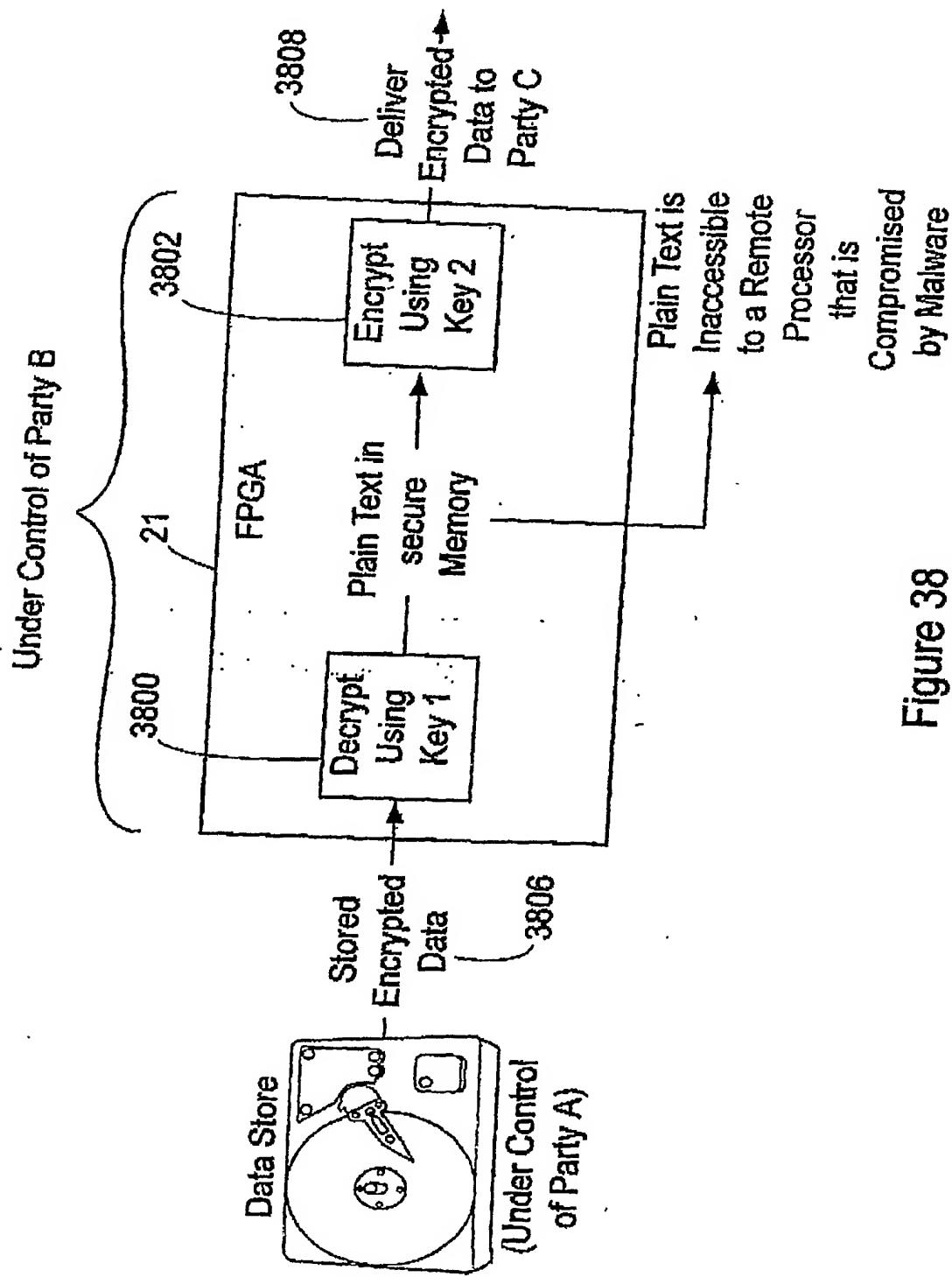


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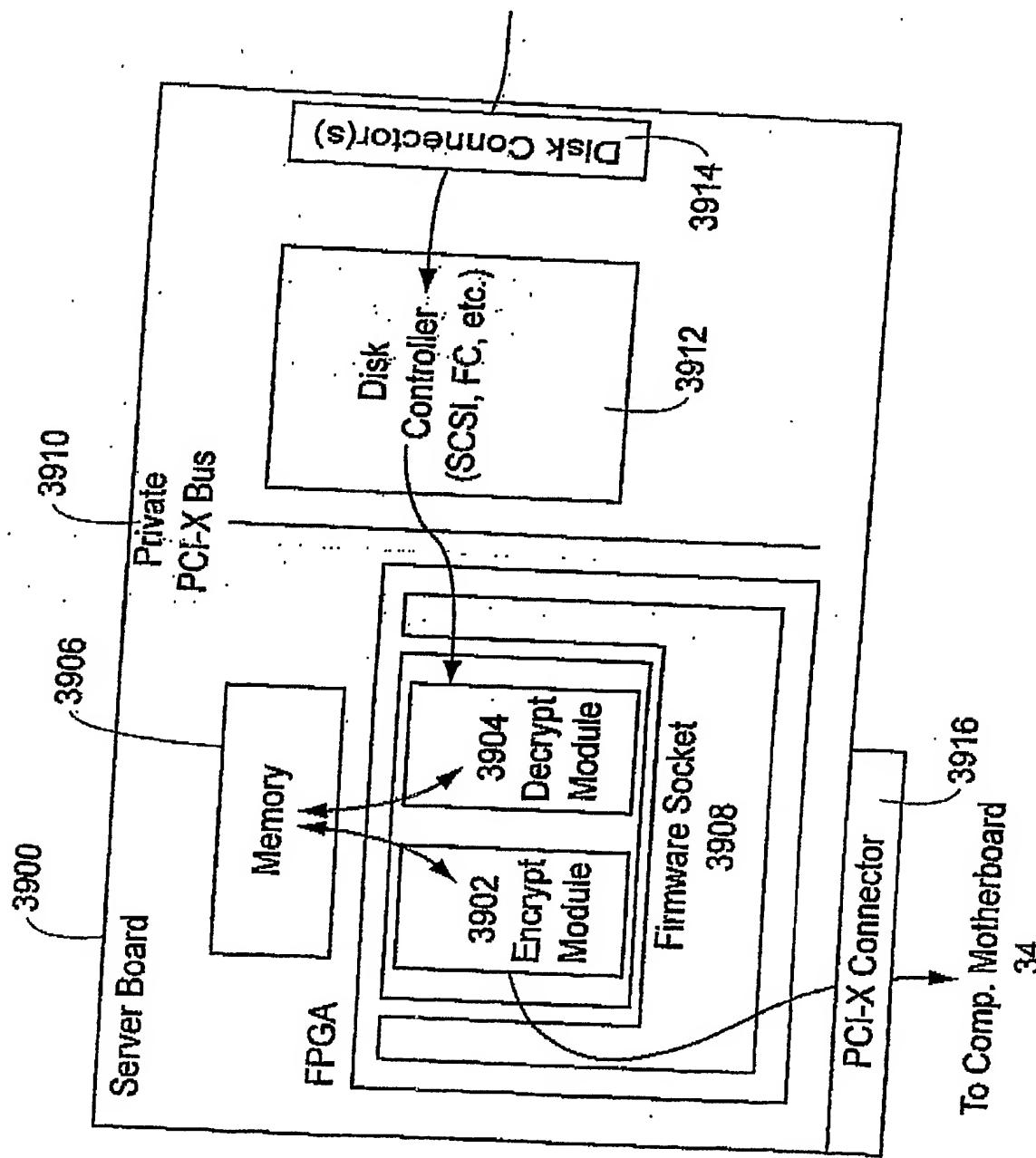


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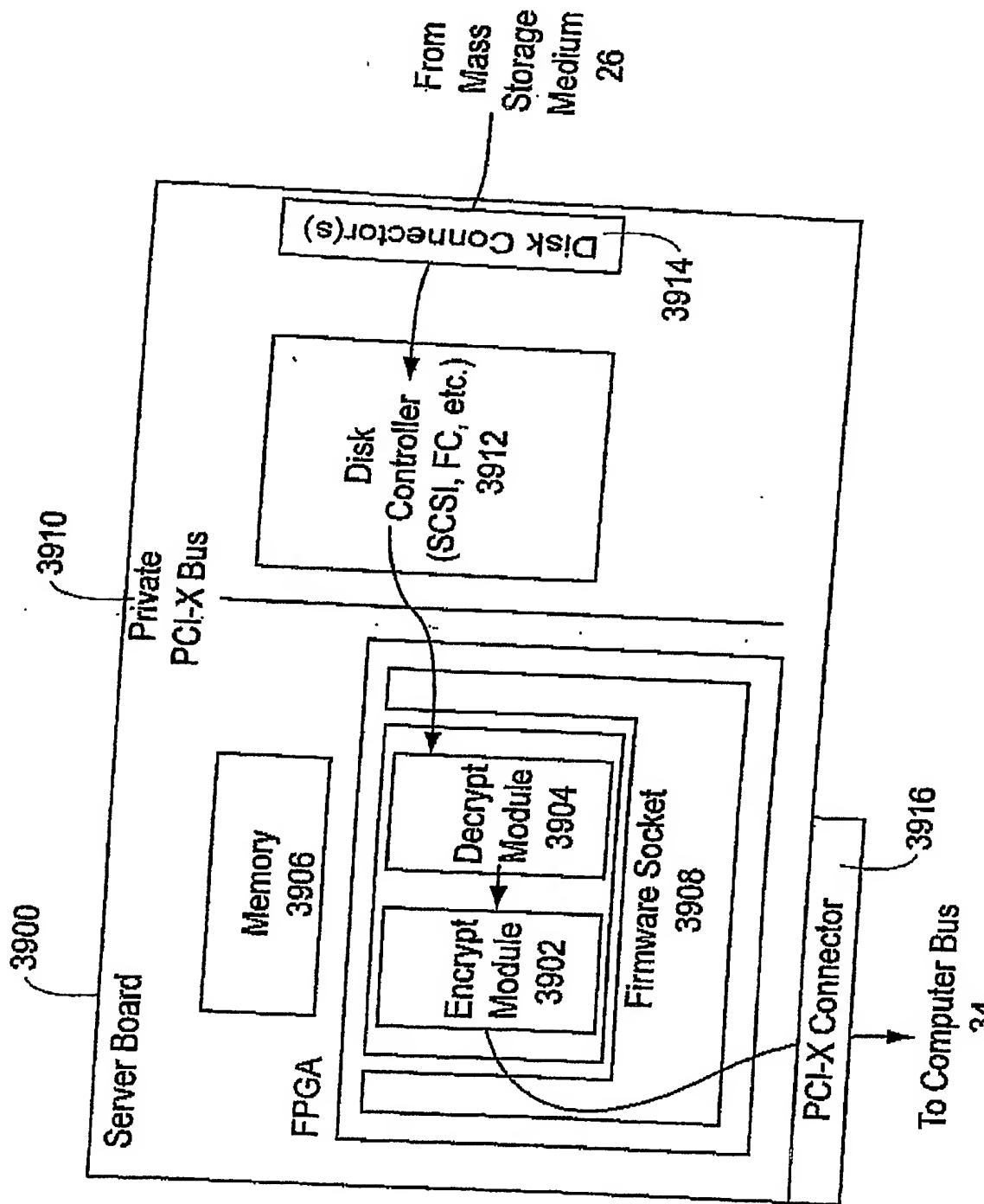


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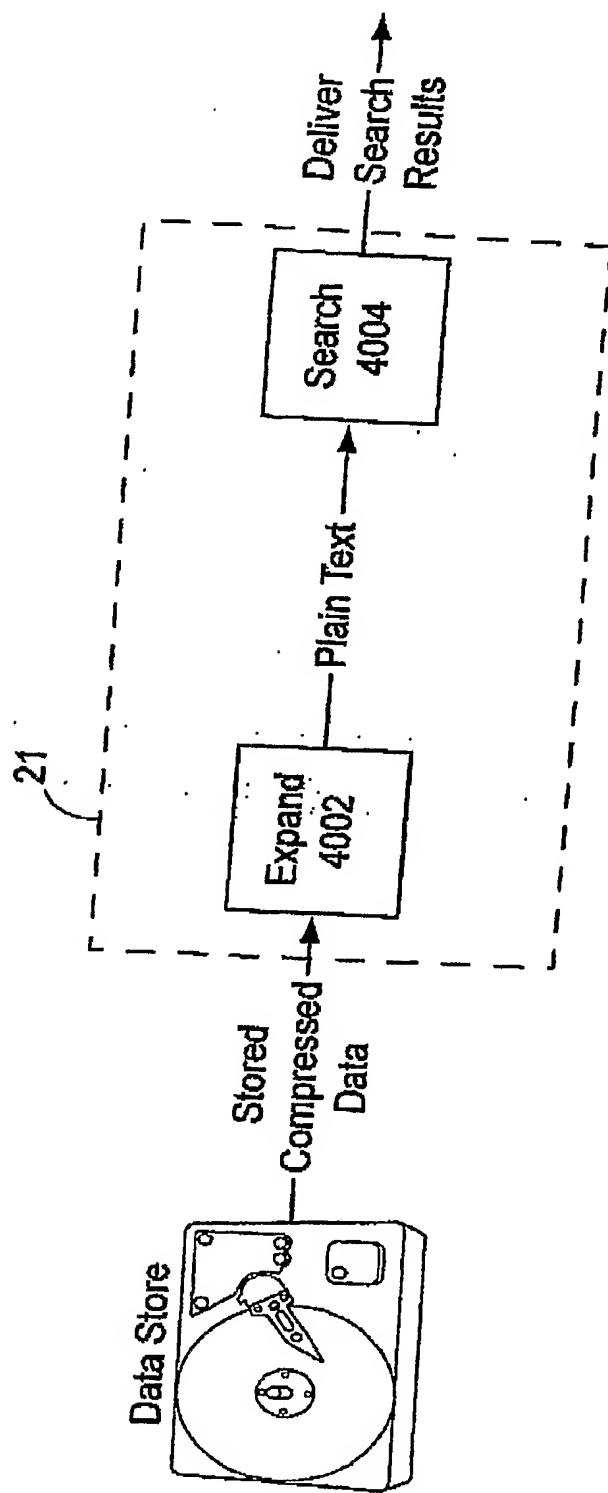


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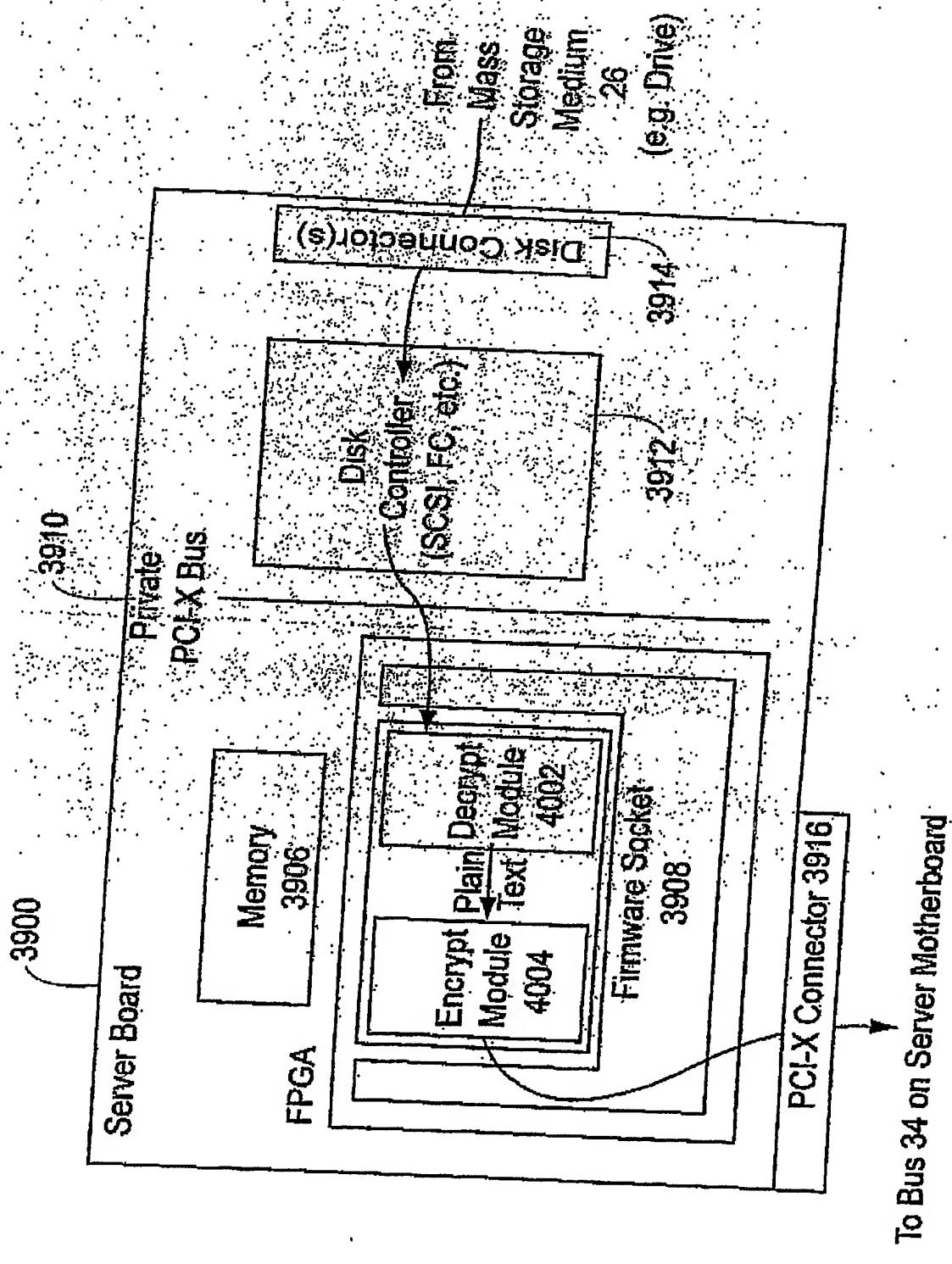


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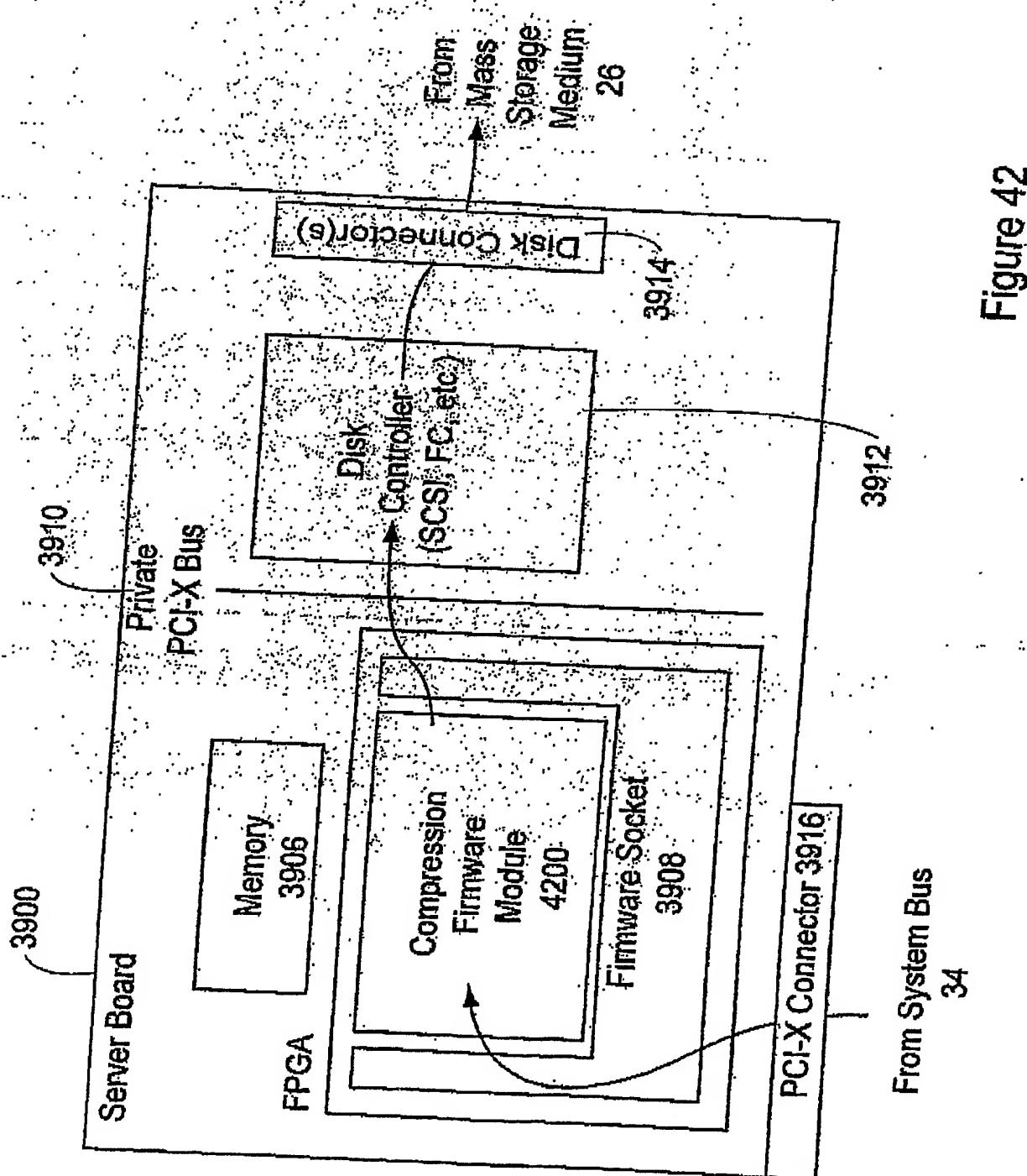


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From System Bus
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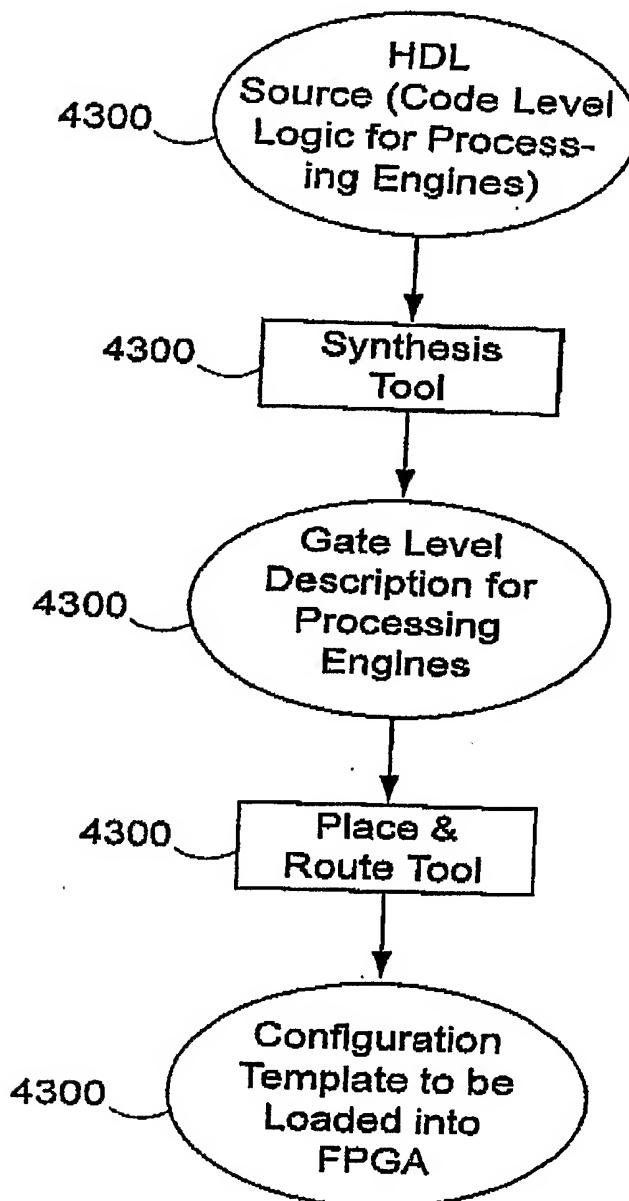


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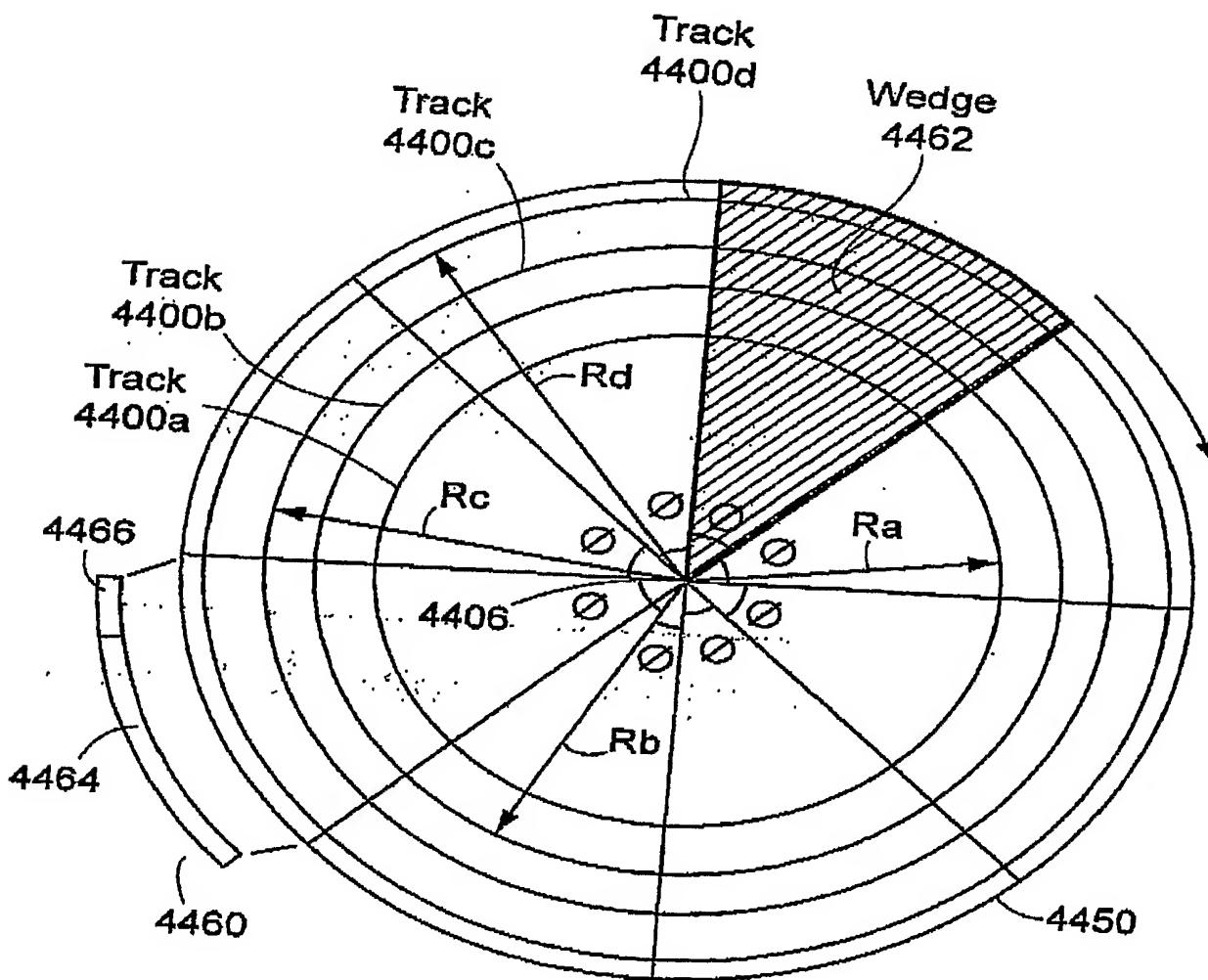
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Figure 44(a)

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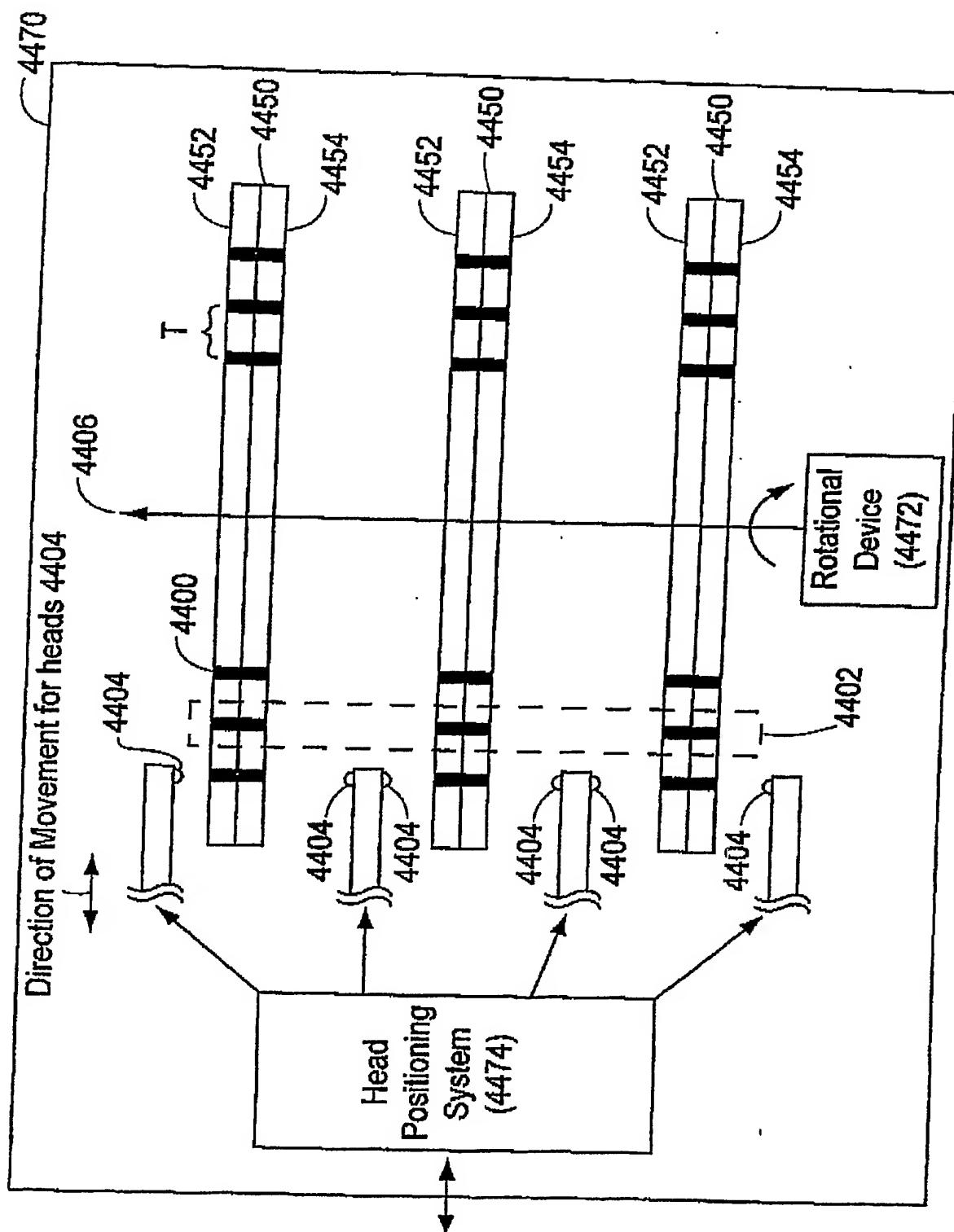


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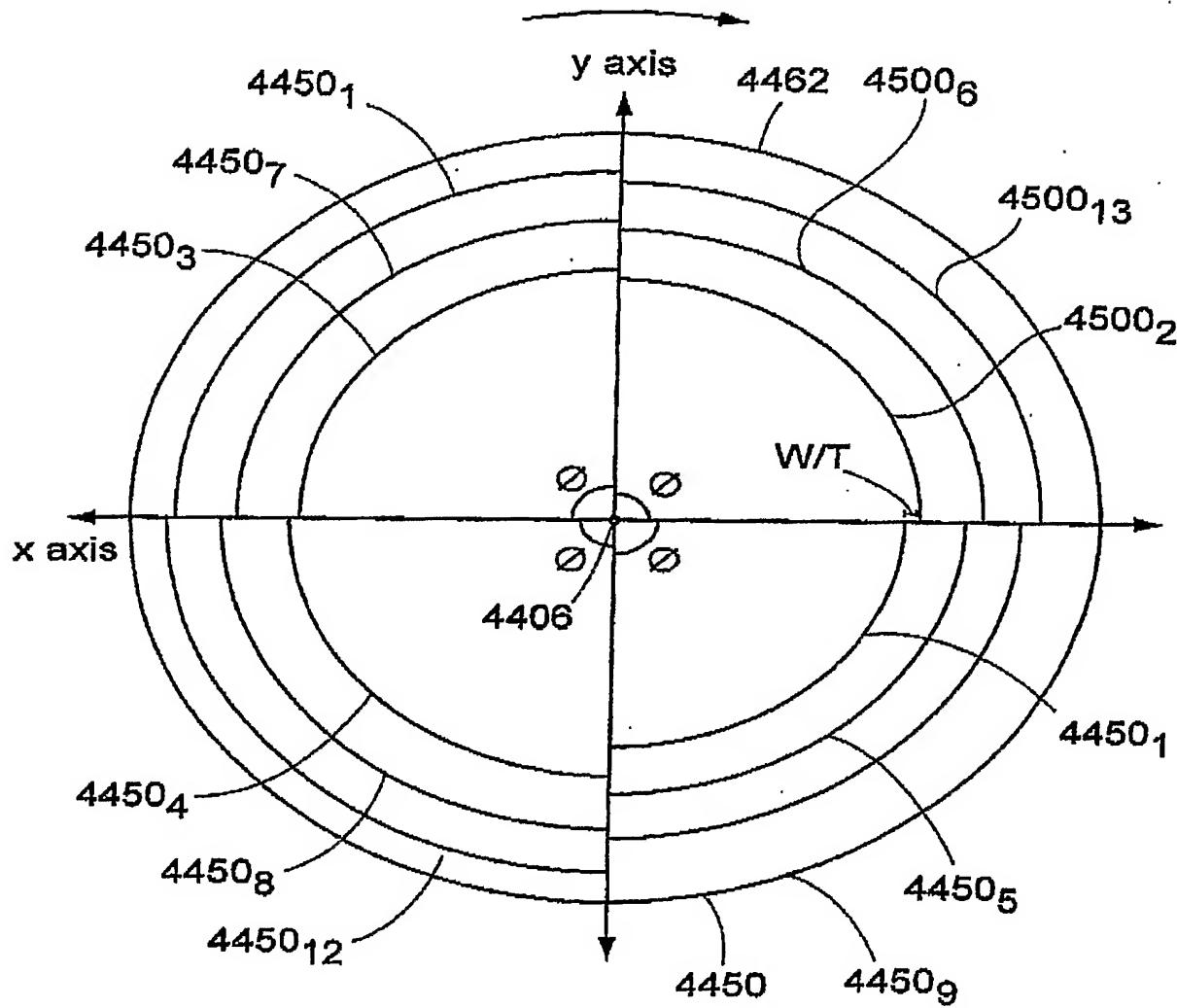
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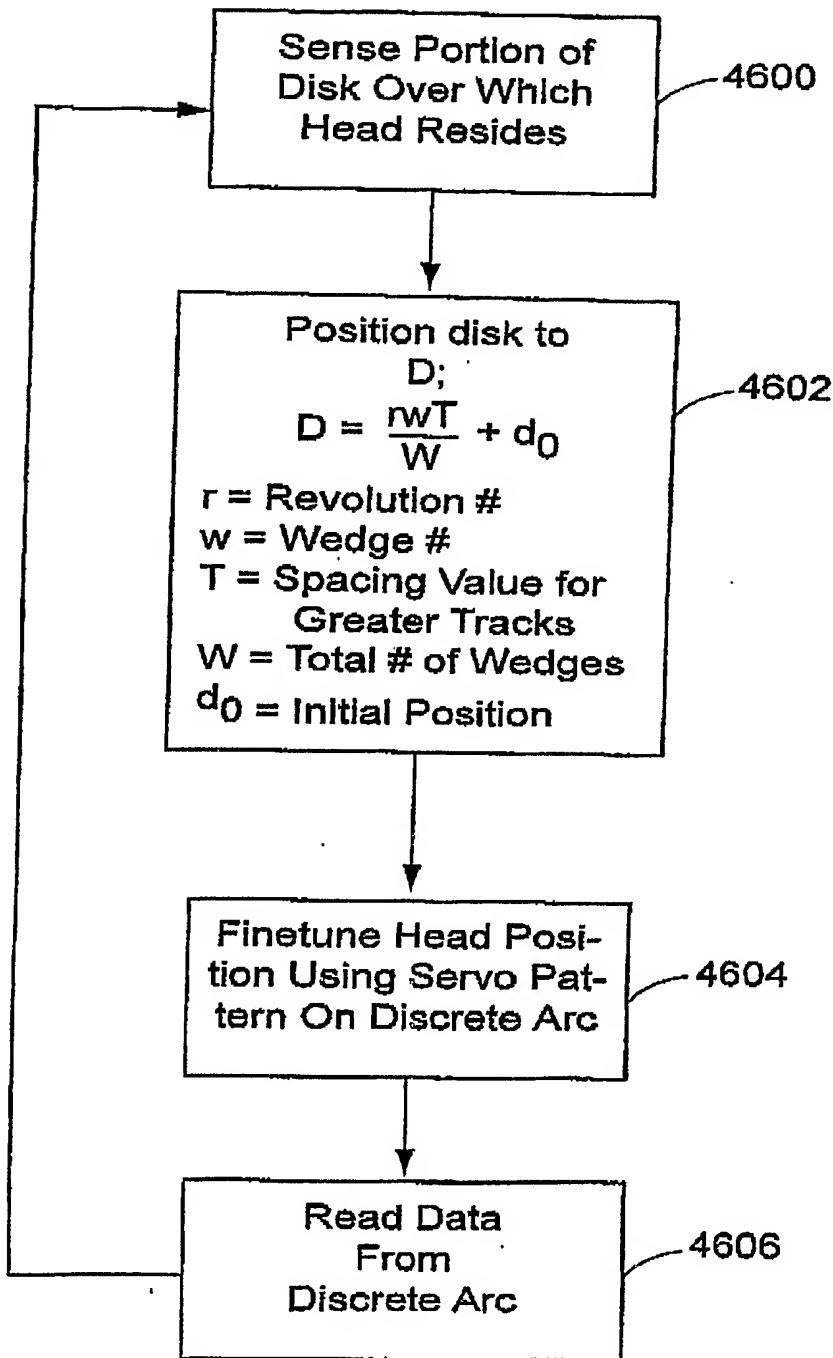


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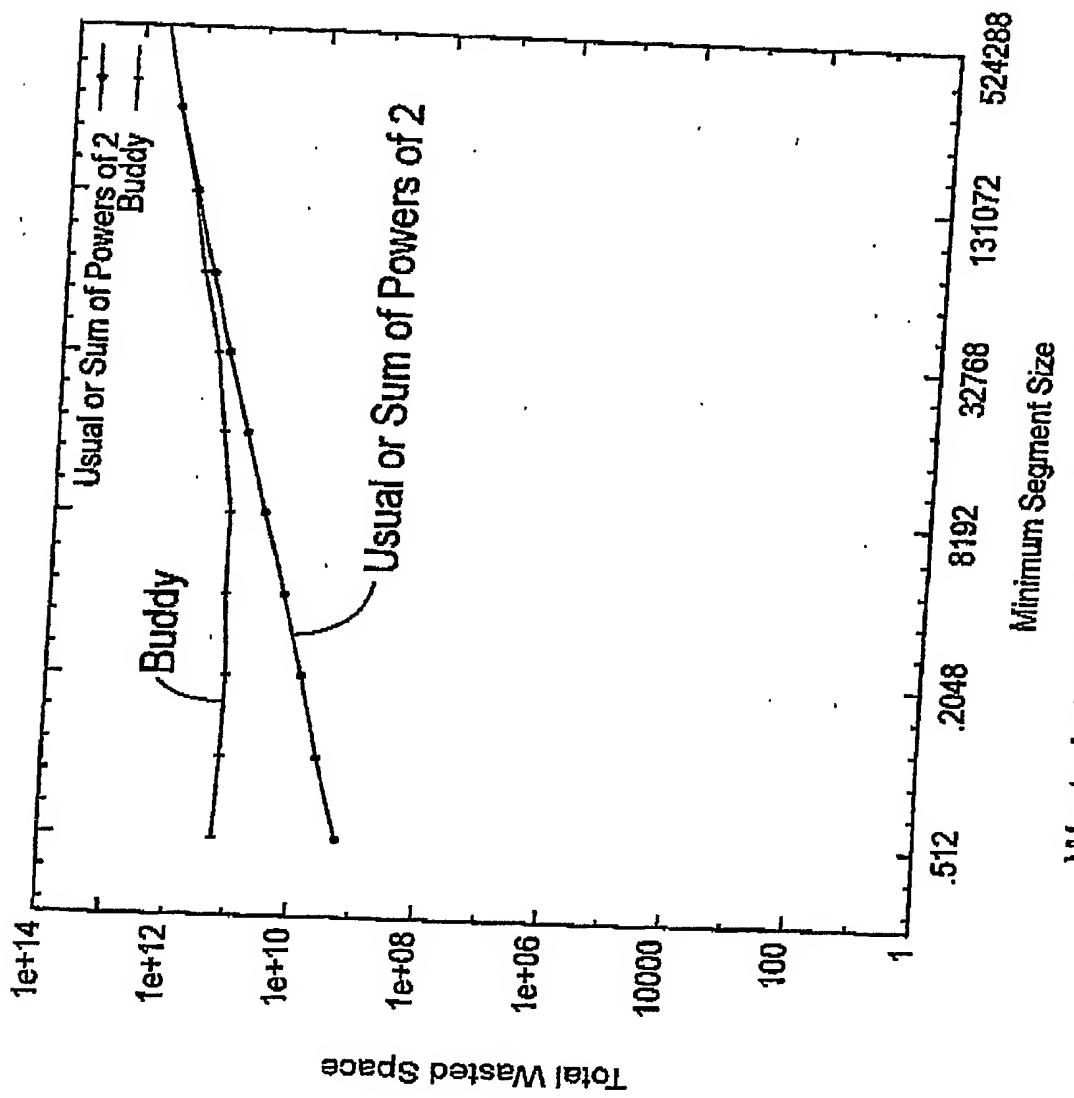
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Wasted storage due to internal fragmentation.

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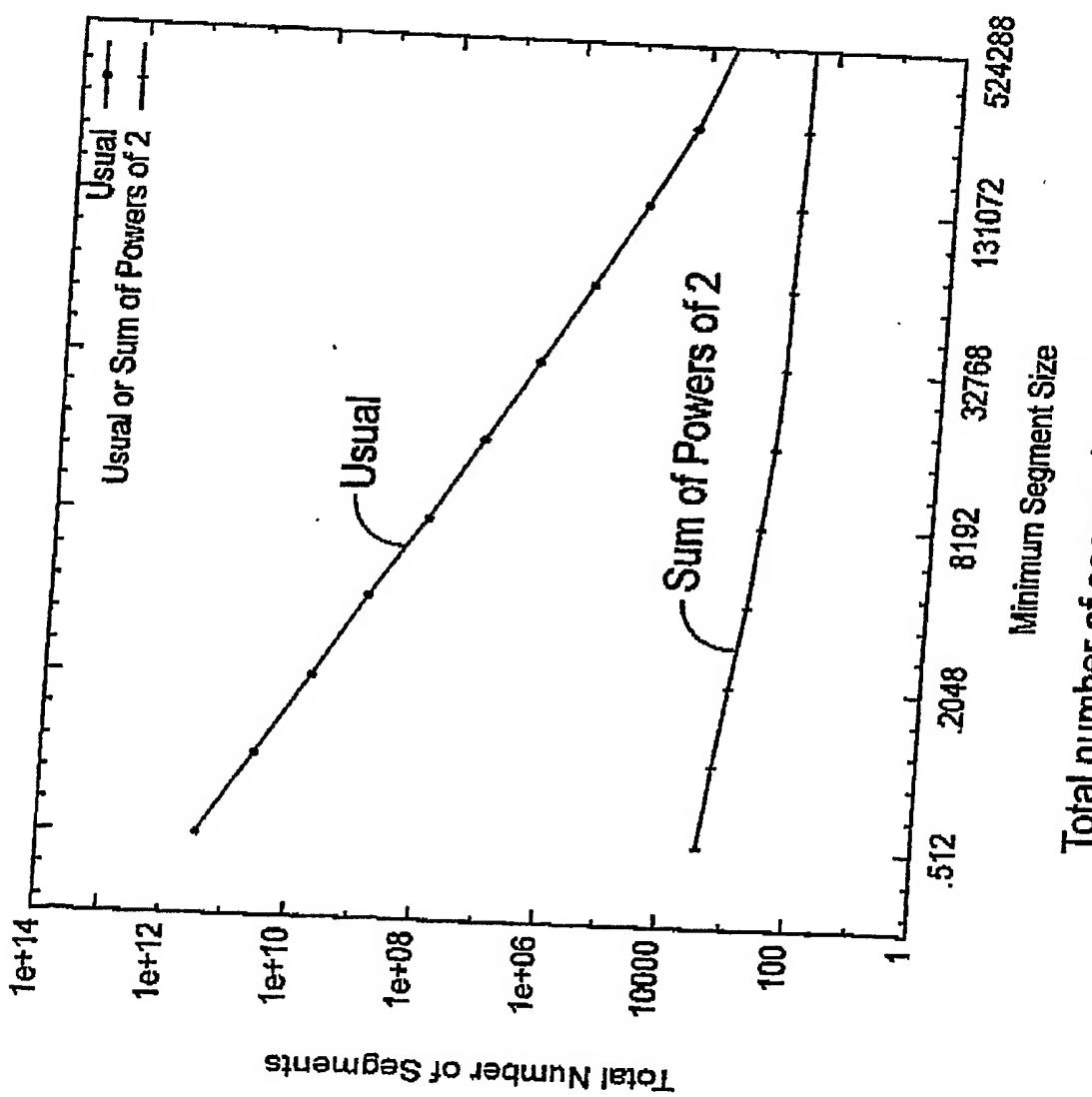
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Total number of segments in the file system.

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